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International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Y	WO 02/33073 A1 (Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 25 April, 2002 (25.04.02), Full text & EP 1327681 A1	1-13
Y	Hudson P. J. et al., High avidity scFv multimers; diabodies and triabodies, J. Immunol. Methods, 1999, Vol.231, No.1-2, p.177-89	1-13

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Y	Ewert S. et al., Structure-based improvement of the biophysical properties of immunoglobulin VH domains with a generalizable approach, Biochemistry, 2003, Vol.42, No.6, p.1517-28	1-13
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The "special technical feature" of claim 1 resides in a method for stabilizing $sc(Fv)_2$ comprising introducing a site-directed mutation into the $sc(Fv)_2$, and the "special technical feature" of claim 10 resides in $sc(Fv)_2$ having an T_m value of 55°C or higher.

Since it does not appear that there is a technical relationship between these inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features, these inventions are not considered to be so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

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